IN THE CLAIMS

1-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Currently amended) A service for searching documents wherein servers comprising document databases and programs to manipulate said databases are dispersed over a network and a client connected to said servers performs a document search, said service providing a document search method comprising the steps of:

~~making a weighted term list from documents resulting from a search of a first document database, the weight of each term reflecting the importance of the term in the first document database, the documents having a high relevance to~~ inputting, to a first document database, at least one document retrieved as a result of a first search ~~input to~~ of said first document database[[, and]]; wherein the first search ~~input being~~ is conducted by a first search input, to said first document database, of a set of keywords, fragments of a document or any desired set of [[the]] documents,

making a weighted term list from said input of said at least one document to said first document database, the weight of each term reflecting the importance of the term in the first document database, and

performing a search of a second document database;

wherein ~~the search results from said first document database are~~ said weighted term list is used ~~to derive~~ as a second search input for performing said search of said second document database, and

wherein each term in the ~~documents selected from the search of the second document database~~ term list is weighted considering the importance of the term both in the first document database and the second document database, and the weight being used to calculate the relevance of ~~the selected documents from~~ each document of the second document database.

11.   (Currently amended)   A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein an interface is provided in which any of said at least one document ~~a set of documents from the search result of~~ input to said first document database [[are]] is selected or deselected, and a set of ~~documents~~ said at least one document that is selected via said interface is ~~from the search result are~~ used in preparing the second search input for searching said second document database.

12.   (Currently amended)   A service for searching documents as defined in claim 11, wherein a summary containing only topic words in the <u>set of said at least one document selected via said interface</u> ~~first search input~~ is used to perform the second search.

13.   (Currently amended)   A service for searching documents as defined in claim 11, wherein a client transmits [[a]] <u>the</u> set of ~~documents in the first search input~~ <u>said at least one document selected via said interface</u> to a server where said first document database is stored, receives a summary comprising only topic words related to the set of ~~documents~~ <u>said at least one document</u> which is sent, sends the second search input corresponding to said summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a server where said second document database is stored, and receives a search result from the search of said second document database.

14.   (Currently amended)   A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein a summary containing only topic words in <u>said at least one document</u> ~~the first search input~~ is used to perform the second search.

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15. (Currently amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 10, wherein a client transmits a̶ s̶e̶t̶ o̶f̶ d̶o̶c̶u̶m̶e̶n̶t̶s̶ i̶n̶ t̶h̶e̶ f̶i̶r̶s̶t̶ s̶e̶a̶r̶c̶h̶ i̶n̶p̶u̶t̶ said at least one document to a server where said first document database is stored, receives a summary comprising only topic words related to t̶h̶e̶ s̶e̶t̶ o̶f̶ d̶o̶c̶u̶m̶e̶n̶t̶s̶ said at least one document which is sent, sends the second search input corresponding to said summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a server where said second document database is stored, and receives a search result from the search of said second document database.

16. (Currently amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 15, wherein said server produces a summary from topic words relevant to t̶h̶e̶ s̶e̶t̶ o̶f̶ d̶o̶c̶u̶m̶e̶n̶t̶s̶ said at least one document sent by the client and transmits the summary to the client, and searches and transmits a set of documents having a high relevance to any summary sent by the client, to the client.

17. (Currently amended) A service for searching documents as defined in claim 15, wherein said client has an interface for s̶p̶e̶c̶i̶f̶y̶i̶n̶g̶ a̶ s̶e̶t̶ o̶f̶ d̶o̶c̶u̶m̶e̶n̶t̶s̶ f̶o̶r̶ t̶h̶e̶ f̶i̶r̶s̶t̶

~~search input~~ selecting any of said at least one document, and

for selecting document databases to be searched, [[the]] a set

of documents thus selected ~~in the first search input~~ is sent

to a server specified by the user, a summary of the set of

documents is received from the specified server, the summary

received is sent to a server comprising said second document

database, and search results are received from the search of

said second document database and displayed.

18.   (Currently amended)   A service for searching

documents wherein servers comprising document databases and

programs to manipulate said databases are dispersed over a

network and a client connected to said servers performs a

document search, said service providing a document search

method in which the client transmits a set of documents in a

first search input to one of said servers where a first

document database is stored, receives a summary comprising

only topic words related to the set of documents which is

sent, sends a second search input corresponding to said

summary reflecting a user's evaluation of the summary to a

server where a second document database is stored, and

receives a search result from the search of the second

document database, wherein said server storing the first

document database produces the summary of topic words relevant

to the set of documents sent by the client and transmits the

summary to the client, and searches and transmits a set of

documents having a high relevance to any desired summary sent

by the client, to the client.